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**A.**—(a) & (b) In fasli 1334 there were five cases in which the sale of standing crops for arrears of January and February 1925 realized a surplus which was credited to the subsequent kists.

(c) The surplus amount realized was Rs. 201-8-0.

(d) One of these cases occurred before 6th February 1925 and four after that date.

*Preparation of a list of lands available for assignment to the depressed classes.*

\* 191 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether lists of lands available for assignment to the depressed classes have been prepared for any of the districts in the province and, if so, for what districts and where copies of them can be had for mere perusal or for sale?

**A.**—A copy of the B.P. Routine No. 1187, Press, dated 5th March 1925, issuing the instructions approved by Government regarding the publication of the lists of lands reserved for members of the depressed classes is laid on the Council Table.<sup>a</sup>

*Arrears of land revenue in Gosball, Thalur, etc., villages.*

\* 192 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether in the villages of Gosball, Thalur and Birapuram the land revenue arrears of 1332, 1333 and 1334 were all collected in the current fasli; and

(b) the average outturn of akrura, jonna, and cotton, respectively, in these villages in each of the said faslis?

**A.**—(a) The collection of the land revenue of fasli 1332 in these villages was first postponed to fasli 1333 and then again to fasli 1334. In fasli 1334, the collection of the whole of this postponed revenue in two villages and half of the amount in the third was ordered but Government was not at the time aware that the local officers had omitted to collect the revenue of fasli 1333 in that year. As soon as Government learnt of this from the hon. Member who puts this question, they issued orders that the postponed revenue of 1332 was to be further postponed to 1335, i.e., that only two years' revenue should be collected in fasli 1334.

(b) The average estimated outturn of the dry crops in the villages during faslis 1332, 1333 and 1334 is reported as under:—

	Fasli 1332.	Fasli 1333.	Fasli 1334.
Bhairapuram	...		9·6 as.
Gosbal	...	Below 4 as.	9·2 as.
Talur	...	above.	7·1 as.

Information as to the outturn of the respective crops is not available.

<sup>a</sup> Printed as Appendix I on page 393 infra.

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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ In view of the fact that the arrears of fasli 1333 were collected in one lump sum in fasli 1334, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to consider the remission for fasli 1332, taking into consideration the successive bad years as evidenced by the answer ? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ I shall be glad to consider the question, Sir.”

*Damage to houses in Adi-Dravida natham in Erode taluk due to floods.*

\* 193 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the houses in the Adi-Dravida natham in the village of Elavamalai in Erode taluk of Coimbatore district were washed away by the recent floods ;

(b) whether the Government have acquired a separate land for building the houses of Adi-Dravidas ;

(c) whether there is any dispute between the villagers on the one side and a few individuals who have applied for the grant on dharkast of the said natham on the other ;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Adi-Dravidas have a temple in the natham and they have to perform some religious ceremonies on it ;

(e) whether the villagers have applied to have the lands reserved as a natham as it is without any inconvenience to the Adi-Dravidas and whether they have offered to pay even the price of the natham and applied to the Collector about this ; and

(f) whether final orders have been passed on this question and if so, to what effect ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Survey No. 62 was obtained from the owners thereof by private negotiation, not under the Land Acquisition Act in exchange for the natham S. No. 96-A/2 abandoned by the Adi-Dravidas.

(c), (e) & (f) There is a dispute between the owners of S. No. 62 who had agreed to give up their patta land in exchange for the natham abandoned by the Adi-Dravidas and some of the villagers who objected to the grant of the abandoned natham in exchange, urged that it should be retained as poramboke and offered to pay the price that might be fixed for the land required for the Adi-Dravidas. The owners of S. No. 62 were not willing to receive money compensation and insisted on the grant of the land in exchange. The abandoned natham, S. No. 96-A/2, was therefore transferred to assessed waste for grant in exchange to the owners of S. No. 62 which has been given up for natham.

(d) The Adi-Dravidas had a temple-site with an idol in the natham, but no temple building. They have agreed to remove the idol to their new natham.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—“ With reference to clauses (c) (e) and (f), it is said that ‘the owners of S. No. 62 were not willing to receive money compensation and insisted on the grant of land in exchange.’ Have these people whose lands are taken away the right to insist on exchange of lands being given ? ”